11. Haily Mandi

12. Safidon

13. Nar Naund

14. Tohana

15. Ratia

16. Rania

17. Fatehabad

18. Bawani Khera

19. Tosham

20. Ganaur

21. Meham

22. Jhajjar

23. Siwani

24. Sampla

25. Kalanaur

26. Kundli.

Solutions of sexual problems on Telephones

849. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of advertisement made through newspapers of so-called health-calls for providing knowledgejsolution of sexual problems both of male and female on telephone and its repercussions on society;

(b) if so, whether Government have assessed or propose to assess the veracity and authenticity of such calls and information imparted on them;

(c) whether Government propose to take stern action against persons involved in such activities; and

(d) if so. details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No Sir.

(c) and (d) VSNL have blocked the rmtward access to such foreign telephone numbers from where these services are provided in our international gateway exchanges to the extent technically and administratively feasible.

Abolition of Rural Levy

850. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it :s a fact that rural communications has suffered a set back with the abolition of rural levy charged by the Department of Telecom from MTNL and VSNL;

(b) if so, what are the main considerations for abolition of rural levy stating the shortfall in the rural communications investment as a consequence thereof; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to carry out the rural communication work ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) to (c) Rural levy has not been abolished. The only change is that from 1991-92 it is no longer "tax exempt" as in the past. To this extent a part of the resources of the Telecom Sector get transferred to the general Exchequer in the form of additional taxation. Rural communication programme has, however, not been adversely affected due to funds constraint.